

ARTICLES TO BE MINISTRED, ENQUIRED OF, AND ANSWERED;

IN THE THIRD VISITATION
of the Right Reverend Father in

God, ROBERT, by God's divine pro-
vidence, Lord Bishop of COVENTRY and

LICHFIELD. 1639.

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2. CORINTH. 13. 1.
*Loe, this is the third time that I came unto you; in the mouth
of two or three witnesses shall every word stand.*

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*The tenor of the Oath to be ministred to the Church-
wardens and Sworne-men.*

You shall sweare, that all affection, favour, hatred, hope of reward and gaine , or malice set aside, you shall upon due consideration of the Articles given you in charge ; present all and every such person, of, or within your Parish, as hath committed any offence mentioned in these, or any of these Articles, or which are vehemently suspected, and defamed of any such offence : Wherein you shall discharge your consciences uprightly, and according to truth, neither of malice presenting any contrary to truth , nor of corrupt affection sparing to present any, and so conceale the truth; having in this action God before your eyes, with an earnest zeale to maintaine the truth, and suppressione vice. So helpe you God, and by the Contents of this Booke.





Of Divine Service and administration of the Sacraments.

In primis, Whether is the prescript forme of divine service vsed by your Minister upon Sundayes and Holydayes, and Holyday-eves according to the Booke of Common Prayer? And whether doth your Minister duely obserue all the Orderrs, Rites, and Ceremonies prescribed in the Booke of Common Prayer, as well in reading publike prayer, as also in admystring the Sacraments in such manner and forme, as in the Booke of Common Prayer is prescribed, and is enjoyned by the 13 and 14 Canons? and is he in any Orderrs, or full Orderrs, or a Layman that hath so done it, either Common Prayers, or the Sacrament?

2 Item, Whether your Parson, Vicar or Curate, doth reade the Letany upon Wednesdays and Frydayes, as is required by the 15 Canon.

3 Item, Whether doe the Householders that dwell within halfe a mile of the Churche or Chappell, either frequent the Church themselves to heare the Letany, or else send one of every such family to joyne with the Minister in the prayers of the Church, according to the aforesaid 15 Canon?

4 Item, Whether is there due reverence and humble submission used in the Churche or Chappell, as by the 18 Constitution is prescribed?

5 Item, Whether is there any that sit covered in Churche or Chappell at the time of Divine Service, except for some infirmitie, he weare a night-cap or coife?

6 Item. Whether doe all persons present in Churche or Chappell kneele reverently upon their knees, when the generall Confession, Letany, or Prayers are read, and stand up at the saying of the Creed, according to the 18 Canon.

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7 Item,

Prescript for
of Divine Service.

Reading of
the Letany on
Wednesdays

and Fridays
Frequenting
the Church
Wednesdayes
and Fridayes.

Reverence in
time of Divine
Service.

Kneeling in
the time of
prayer.

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the Sunday.

Bread and
Wine for the
Communion.

Decency at the
Communion
Table.

Ministring and
receiving the
holy Commu-
nion.

Kneeling at
the Commu-
nion.

Offenders not
to be admit-
ted.

7 Item, Whether is there any in your parish that in time of Divine Service, when the name of the Lord Jesus shall be mentioned, doth not reverently bow body or knee, testifying by that outward gesture their inward humility and Christian resolution, as is fully expressed in the foresaid 18 Canon.

8 Item, Whether hath any person lurk'd and sipp'd in Taverns or Alehouses, or stood idle in the Church-yard or Church-porch upon Sundays or Holy-days, or used his or their manifold Craft upon the said days, or otherwise profaned them in any sort, and especially in the time of Divine Service, as is required in the 19 Canon.

9 Item, Whether the Churchwardens doe provide against every Communion with advice of the Minister, a sufficient quantity of the finest white Bread, and the best and most wholesome Wine, for the number of the Communicants that shall receive, as is required by the 20 Canon.

10 Item, Whether is the Wine brought to the Communion-table, in a cleane standing pot or Stoop of pewter, if not of purer Mettle, as is required in the aforesaid 20 Canon?

11 Item, Whether your Minister doth administer the holy Communion, so often and at such times, as that every parishioner may receive the same at least thrice in every year, whereof once at Easter, as by the book of Common prayer is appointed; and whether doth your Minister receive the same himselfe on every day before that he ministreth it to others, and use the words of the Institution according to the Booke, at every time that the Bread or Wine is renewed, in such manner and forme as by the proviso of the 21 Canon is directed, or wherein is hee faulty, and whether is warning given by him before hand for the Communion, as the 22 Canon requireth?

12 Item, Whether doth your Minister administer the said Communion to any that doth not humbly kneele at the receiving of the same, and what are the names of them that refuse to kneele at the receiving thereof?

13 Item, Whether hath your Minister admitted any notorious offenders or schismaticks to the Communion, contrary to the 26 or 27 constitutions?

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14 Item, Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, Unlawfull without license from the Arch-bishop, the Bishop of the Dio- marriages: celle, or his Chancelloz, solemnize marriage betwixt any parties, the Banes not being thre sevall Sundaires or Holidais first published in time of divine Service, in the sevall Churchs or Chappels of their sevall abode, according to the booke of Common Prayer, and that also betweene the houres of eight and twelve in the forenoone? And furthermore, whether hath your Minister, since the last Canons published, solemnized any marriage betwixt any persons being under the age of xxi. yeers, although the Banes be thrice asked, before such time as their Parents have made knowne unto him their consent thereunto, and whether hath he married any of another Diocesse, who are they, and by what authority, and when? canon 62.

15 Item, Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, do every Sunday bid Holi-dais and Fasting-dais, as by the Booke of common Praier is appointed, according to the 64 Canon, and are Bid Fasting dayes and H the Ember weekes obserued? Canon 31.

16 Item, Whether is your Minister painfull in visiting the sick, according to the Booke of common Praier, as is required by the 67 canon, and in giving them the private Communion according to the Law in case of desperate sicknesse? Visiting the sick.

17 Item, Doth your Minister use the forme of thanksgiving to women after child-birth, and whether hath he admitted any thereunto that was begotten with child in adultery or fornication, without license of his Ordinary; and whether have any married wifes refused to come to Church, according to the book of common Praier, to give God thankes after child-birth, in such usuall and decent manner as anciently hath bin accustomed? If any be faulty herein, you shall present their names. Thanksgiving after Child-birth.

18 Item, Whether is there any stranger of any other parish admitted to receive the Communion in your Parish, contrary to the 28 canon, and whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion in any private house, saving in the case of sickness? Canon 71. No stranger to be admitted.

19 Item, Whether doth your Minister appoint any publike Fasts without or private Fasts, without lawfull authority, contrary to the authority, 72 canon?

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lawfull
conueniences.

20 Item, Whether are there any privat meetings, assemblies or conventicles either by day or by night used, or had within the Parish by any minister or ministers, or any lay persons tending to faction or schisme; declare the parties names, the places where, the time when, and how often have you knowne any such meetings, assemblies, or conventicles, contrary to the 73 Canon?

Surplesse and
hood.

21 Item, Whether doth your Minister ware the Surplesse whilst he is saying the publike Prayers, and administering the Sacraments: and if he be any Graduate, whether then doth he also ware upon his Surplesse during the time aforesaid, such a Hood as by the order of the University is agreeable to his degree, and is required by the 58 Canon?

22 Item, Whether doth your Minister usually on every Sunday and Holy-day for halfe an houre and more, examine and instruct the YOUTH and ignorant persons of his Parish, in the ten Commandements, Articles of beliefe, and in the Lords Prayer, as also in the Catechisme set forth in the Booke of Common Prayer: And whether, Fathers, Mothers, Masters and Mistresses cause their Children, Servants, and Apprentices to come thither to heare, and to be instructed and taught therein, and those that doe not their duties herein, you shall present their names, as is required in the 59 Canon, ~~Catechisme of~~
~~Conscience and Duties~~

Drunkennes
n Ministers.

23 Item, Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, frequent Tabernes and Alhouses, or is given to drunkeynesse, dicing, carding, or other unlawfull games, forbidden by the 75. Canon?

Confirmation
of Children.
Comers to
Preaching, but
not to praying.

All resort to
the Church
and receive
thrice a yeare.

24 Item, Whether doth your Minister prepare children for Confirmation according to the 61 Canon?

25 Item, Whether is there any in your parish that will come to heare Sermons that will not come to heare publike Prayers, appointed by the Book of Common Prayer, making a schisme or division between the use of publike prayer, and preaching?

25 Item, Whether doe all persons above the age of sixteene yeeres, usually resort to heare Divine Service upon Sundayes and Holidayes appointed; and whether have each one of

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of your Parishioners (being above the age of sixteene yeares, alsoesaid) received the holy Communion thrice this last yeare, and chiefly once at Easter last in your parish Church kneeling; if no, then you shall present their names which have not so done, Canon 21, and 112.

27 Item, Whether your Minister and Parishioners use perambulation, according to the appointment of the Church? Perambulati-
on.

28 Item, Whether is the fist day of November, obserued and kept holy and festivall, as by a speciall act of Parliament in that case provided is apointed? Fist of No-
vember.

29 Item, Whether doth your Minister use to signe the Signe of the children with the signe of the Crosse when they are baptiz'd, according to the Booke of Common Prayer, as is required by the 30 Canon, and doth he make any declaration thereupon? Crosse in Ba-
ptisme.

30 Item, Whether doth your Minister refuse to Christen and Bury, as is enjoyned in the 68 and 69 Canons? Refuse to chri-
sten or bury.

31 Item, Whether any person whatsoever, who hath not communicated, be admitted to be a Godfather or Godmother, contrary to the Law and 29 Canon? No Commu-
nicants, no
Godfathers.

32 Item, Whether doth your Minister use to pray for the Kings Majestie, King Charles, Queene Mary, Prince Charles with the rest of their Princely Issue: with addition of such Titles and Titles as are due, and appertaine unto his Majestie, and also at convenient times exhort the people to obedience to his Highnesse, and other Magistrates being in authority under him, Canon 55? A prayer for
the King.

33 Item, Whether is there any in your Parish, that impugneth and speaketh against the Rites and Ceremonies established in the Church of England, or the lawfull use of them, you shall present their names according to the 6 Canon? Impugners of
Rites and Ce-
remonies.

34 Item, Whether is there any in your Parish that doth impugne any of the Articles of Religion, agreed upon in Anno Domini 1562, and established in the Church of England. Articles of
Religion.

35 Item, Are there any in your Parish that do impugne the government of the Church of England under the Kings most excellent Impugners of
Church go-
vernment.

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excellent Majestie, by Arch-bishops, Bishops, Deanes, Arch-deacons, and the rest that beare office in the same, affirming that the same is antichristian, or repugnant to the word of God, contrary to the 7 Canon?

parates and
two Brother-
hood.

following un-
censed Prea-
chers.

Residence.

Preaching ac-
cording to the
Canons.

More Cures
than one.

Monthly S.r-
mons.

Absence from
Benefice.

36 Item, Whether is there any in your Parish that doth separate himselfe from the Church of England, and combine himselfe with any other in a new brotherhood, accounting those that are conformable to the state Ecclesiasticall, in Doctrine, Government, and Ceremonies, unmeet to joyn with him in Christian profession contrary to the 9 Canon?

37 Item, Whether is there any in your parish that doth maintaine such as refuse to subscribe to the forme of Gods worship in the Church of England, prescribed in the Communion Booke, contrary to the 10 Canon?

38 Item, Whether is your Minister resident with you upon his Benefice, or for how long time hath he been absent? and where is he resident for the most part, and what other Benefice hath he? Canon 41.

39 Item, Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, preach usually, according to the Constitutions, either in his owne Cure, or else in some other Church or Chappell neere adioyning, wherein no Preachers are? or how oft hath he been negligent in that behalfe? Canon 45.

40 Item, Whether doth your Minister or Curate serve any more Cures than one? If yea, then what other Cure doth he serve contrary to the 45 Canon?

41 Item, Whether doth your Parson or Vicar, not being a Preacher, procure monthly Sermons to be preached by some licensed Preachers, as is required by the 46 Canon; and when there is no Sermon doth reade the Homilies prescribed by authority?

42 Item, Whether doth your Parson, or Vicar, being Canon of any Cathedral or Collegiate Church (and not a Rector) absent himself from his Benefice with Cure, above the space of a moneth in the yeare, unlesse it be for some urgent cause allowed by the Bishop of the Diocesse, contrary to the 44 Canon?

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43 Item, hath any been suffered to preach in your Church or Chappell, without shewing his licence to the Minister or Church-wardens, and subscribing his name, as the 50 and 51 canons require?

Strange preachers to subscribe their names.

44 Item, Whether doth your Lecturer and Preacher read Divine Service, and administer the Sacraments twice yearly at least, observing all the Ceremonies in the book of Common Prayer established.

Lecturers to reade Divine Service twice a yeere.

45 Item, Whether doth your Parson, Vicar or Lecturer preach any Sermon or Collation in your parish-Church upon Sundayes and Holydayes in the afternoone, but upon some part of the Catechisme, or some Text taken out of the Creed, Ten Commandements, or the Lords Prayer (Funerall sermons only excepted) according to his Majesties directions by his Highnesse Letters, dated August 4. 1622. commanded to be observed: and whether doth every Preacher performe all other his Majesties directions by the said Letters required to be performed: if not, declare wherein they or any of them have offended, what is his Christian name, surname, and place of his abode, who hath so offended, contrary to the 56 canon.

His Majesties direction for Preachers.

46 Item, Is there any in your parish that refuseth to have their children baptized, or themselves to receive the Communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no preacher? you shall present their names. And if your Minister since the publishing of the said book of Canons, hath received any such persons (being not of his own Cure) to the Communion or baptized any of their children, you shall likewise present him, as the 57 canon requireth.

Refuslers of the Communion, &c because their Minister is no Preacher.

47 Item, Whether hath your Parson, Vicar or Curate endeavoured to confute any Doctrine delivered by any other Preacher in the same Church, or any other neare adjoyning, before he hath acquainted the Bishop of the Diocesse therewith, and received order from him what to do in that case, according to the 53 canon.

Opposition betwene Preachers.

48 Item, Whether hath any of your parish of late followed Strange Preachers, unlicensed, suspended, or schismatically from

Running after schismatically Preachers.

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from Parish to Parish, present the parties, and the places to which they resorted.

Decency in apparel, and sobriety in conversation.

Books necessary for the Church.

A Font.

Communion Table &c.

Ten Commandments.

Seate and Pulpit, &c.

A chest for Almes.

Moneys for works of Charity.

49 Item, Whether doth your Minister use such decency and comeliness in his apparel, as by the 74 Constitution is enjoined, in his fournies and otherwise: and whether is hee of sober conuersation.

Things appertaining to the Church.

Item, Whether have you provided the Bible of the new translation, lately set forth by the Kings authority, the book of Common Prayer, and the book of Homilies, as the 8 canon requireth.

2 Item, Whether you have in your Chappell a Font of stone, set up in the ancient usuall place, as the 81 canon requireth.

3 Item, Whether you have a decent Communion Table, with a carpet of silk or some other decent stoffe, and a faire linnen cloth to lay thereon at convenient times, as the 82 canon requireth.

4 Item, Whether all the ten Commandments are set up in the East end of the Church or Chappell where the people may best see them, and reade them, and other sentences of Scripture written upon other places of the wals also to that purpose, as the aforesaid 82 canon requireth.

5 Item, Whether you have a convenient seate for your Minister to read Service, together with a comely Pulpit set up in a convenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion for the same, a comely large Surpasse, a faire comely Cup of gold, silver, or other pure mettle, and a cover agreeable for the same with all other things and ornaments for the celebration of divine Service, and administration of the Sacraments, as the 83 canon requireth.

6 Item, Whether you have a chest for almes with a hole in the upper part thereof, and three keyes &c. as the 84 canon requireth.

7 Item, Whether doth your Minister diligently from time to time, and especially when men make their last Wills and Testaments, call upon, exhort, and mabe their neighbours to convert,

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conuent, and give as they may well spare to the said chesc, as they are required by the aforesaid 84 canon.

8 Item, Whether doe you know, or have heard of any Legacy by any man's will or gift otherwise given to the poore, to the Church, or any other holy uses, and not performed or be-
lowed according to his Will and gift.

9 Item, Whether is your Church or Chappell, with the Reparations of
Chancell thereof and Church-yard kept in good reparation,
and in decent and comely fashion as well within as without,
as in paving of the Church, maintaining of Seats, whiteling,
glasing, tylng, walling, raling, paling, &c. as is required in
the 85 canon.

10 Item, Whether any Ecclesiastical Officers or other
by their appointment, have visited and surveyed Church by
Church in your Arch-deaconry, and whether they have taken
any mony for so doing, and what summe hath been taken, and
by whom therefore, and what order for repaire hath proceed
ed thereupon.

11 Item, Whether have you a Territor of Glebelands, and
a description of Parsonage and Vicarage-Houses, and other
houses to them belonging, and of all other the possessions of
the Parsonages and Vicaridges, by the view of honest men
of your Parish, and is the same laid up in the Bishops Regi
stry, according to the 87 canon : And doe you know, or have
heard of any other Glebelands, concealed from the Church,
and in whose occupation are they? Canon 87.

12 Whether is the ~~W~~ of the Church as you know or
have heard a Parsonage, Vicaridg, or Donative: who is Pa
tron: is it an Appropriation: what is it worth yearly: who is
the Proprietary: is there a Vicaridg well and sufficiently
endowed therein: what is it worth by the yere: does the pro
prietary keepe the Chancell and Houses in good repayre: does
the said Proprietary keepe Hospitallity for the poore therein,
or give a yearly summe of mony to the poore of the same Pa
rishi: is your Vicaridg a Proprietary, and to whom and when: is
your Parsonage or Vicaridg in Lease for any long terme,
and for how long, and to whom: are there any poor Churches

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or Chappells quite fallen downe, and where liveth your Minister, and what benefit reapeth he thereon?

13 Item, Whether is your Church or Chappell profaned by any Plays: or playing of children or servants so-bidden by his Majestie, and who are the Parents and Masters of them: or by Feasts, Banquets, Church-Ales, Drinkings, which are so-bidden in the 88, canon.

14 Item, Whether you have in your severall Church or Chappell, the Booke of constitutions or canons Ecclesiastical ready to be read by your Minister according to his Majesties pleasure published by his Highnesse authority under the Great Seals of England, and are they read accordingly?

15 Item, Whether is your Parsonage or Vicaridge-house, and all houses thereunto belonging, kept in decent and good repaire, both in tyling, glasing, walling, &c.

16 Item, Whether is there in your Church or Chappell one parchment Register Book provided for christnings, marriages, and burials: whether is the same duly and exactly kept according to the constitutions in thar behalfe provided?

17 Item, Whether have you had any Clocks, Bells, or other Church goods or lands for such uses inbezled, and when, and by whom?

Of School-masters.

Teaching without Licence.

1 Item, Doth any take upon him to teach Schoole either private or publike in your Parish, without speciall licence of his Ordinary, contrary to the 79 canon?

2 Item, Whether is there any that teacheth in the Parish where the Curate is desirous to teach himselfe, contrary to the 78 canon?

3 Item, Whether doth your School-master teach his Schollers any other Grammer than that which is allowed by publike authoritie: whether doth he instruct them both in ternies and good manners as diligently as he ought to doe; without giving himselfe to excessive drinking, or keeping disorderly or suspected company, or give any other evill example

Profaning of
the Church.

Book of
Canons.

Reparations of
the Ministers
house.

Register
Booke.

Curates to
teach if they
will.

Sobriety of
School-mas-
ters.

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ample of life : and doth hee instruct them in the Catechisme allowed of ?

4 Item, Doe you know of any lands or rents given to the maintenance of a Schoole, concealed or misemployed within your Parish ?

Of Popish Recusants.

1 Item, Whether doe any Popish Recusants or any other keepe any Schoole-master in their house which commeth not to Church , to heare divine Service , and receive the Communion , what is his name , and how long hath hee taught : and doth any such teach in any house of his owne :

2 Item, How many inhabitants within your Parish, men or women, above 16 yeares of age, bee Popish Recusants, or doe refuse to frequent divine Service established by publike authority of this Realme , or to receive the holy Communion ; what be their names, and of what degréé, state, or trade of life are they :

3 Item, How long the said Popish Recusants have obsteinately abstained either from divine Service , or from the Communion, as is aforesaid, whether any long time, or onely since his Maiesties Raigne , or hath any lately become Popish Recusants, and how long hath hee or shee binne such Recusants :

4 Item, Whether any of the said Popish Recusants be of insolent behaviour, and do busie themselves in seducing of others from that Religion which is established by publike authority in the Church of England , and whether they doe instruct children, or cause them to be instructed in Popish Religion : what be their names that so doe :

5 Item, Whether be any Popish Recusants married, or any of their children christned, or any Recusants buried within your Parish by any other than the Minister of your Parish: where, when, and by whom, & whether doth any of their children remaine unbaptized above the space of a moneth :

6 Item, Whether is your Minister a Preacher, or suffici-ently qualified, & if he be, whether doth he from time to time offer

Popish School-masters.

Recusants.

How long have they been Recusants.

Recusants seducing others.

Papists Recusants married, christned, buried, &c.

Ministers to reclame Recusants.

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offer quiet and temperate conference, to reclame the Popish Recusants from their erroars, and whether they, or any of them doe refuse such conference with your Minister, or any other Preacher who shall present unto them his diligence in that behalfe?

Of Excommunicate persons.

Who stand ex-
communicate.

Denounce ex-
communicate
persons.

1 Item, What persons are there in your Parish that remain Excommunicate, or any other crime, what be their names, and for what cause, and how long have they stood so excommunicate?

2 Item, Whether doth your Minister every six moneths denounce in his Parish such as do persevere in the sentence of Excommunication, not seeking to bee absolved, and whether hath he admitted into the Church any person excommunicate, without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary or his Substitut, and stayed Divine Service, till the Excommunicate or denounced excommunicate have bee removed, if any such have presumed to come in, or knowingly doeth contrary?

3 Item, Have any Ministers out of contempt omitted to publish the sentence of their Ordinaries, or Ecclesiastical Governors, the next Sunday or Holy day after the receipt of them.

Of Church-wardens, Quest-men, and Side-men.

Choyce of
Church-war-
dens.

Church-war-
dens Accounts.

1 Item, Whether your Church-wardens and Questmen, be chosen in Easter week, according to the 11 canon: and by consent according to the 89:

2 Item, Whether have your Church-wardens before you given up a full account for their time, and delivered unto you their successors, whatsoever money, or other things of right belonging to the Church, that was in their hands, as the aforesaid 89 canon requireth:

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Of other common disorders, crimes and scandals to be presented by Church-wardens and Side-men.

Item, Whether have you any in your Parish to your knowledge or by common fame or report, which have committed adultery, fornication, or incest, which have not been publikely punished, to your knowledge: if yea, then with whom: or any man that hath attempted the chastity of any woman, or hath solicited any woman, to the intent to have the carnall knowledge of her body, or any in your Parish to bee bawds, or receivers or conveyors away of any such persons, or suspected of any the crimes aforesaid: are there any that are, or by common report and fame, are reputed and taken to be such persons, or bee common drunkards, blasphemers of Gods holy Name, common and usuall swearers, symoniacall persons, fighters, bratolers, or quarrellers, in Church or steeple or place, or otherwise, or in your Church-yard: you shall not fail to present their names according to the 190 canon. Or have any on their own authority set locks upon their pelves, and who are they?

Incontinent persons, adulterers, swearers, &c.

2 Item, Whether have any in your Parish received, or harboured any women being with child, out of Wedlock, and suffered them to depart againe without punishment, first informed on them by their Ordinary: you shall truly present also the party harbouring, as harboured, and who is suspected to be father of her child?

Harbouring incontinent persons.

3 Item, Whether any person or persons suspected or detected heretofore of incontinency, and therefore departed out of your Parish, is again returned thither, or in what other place is he or she now abiding as you know or have heard: whether he or she have escaped without penance, by what meanes, or by whose meanes: you shal present the whole truth in that behalfe.

Incontinent persons escaping unpunished.

4 Item, Whether are there in your Parish, any Willes. Willes not yet proved: you shall not fail to present the

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Executors, and all other faulty and culpable therein.

Reporters to
Church.

5 Item, Whether do you, and every of you diligently see, that all the Parishioners do duly resort to their Church every Sunday and Holyday; and there continue the whole time of divine Service, and none to walke and stand idle, or talke in the Church or Church-porch, or Church-yard, during that time: and whether doe all the Parishioners and their families, accordingly frequent their Parish-Church or Chappels, and there behave themselves soberly, attentively, and decently all the time of Divine Service, yea, or no: if no, then you shall present their names as the aforesaid 89 canon requireth.

Disturbers of
the Minister.

6 Item, Doe you know any of your Parish, that doth disturbance the Minister during divine Service, or Preaching, either by walking, talking, or other noise, contrary to the 111 canon?

Abuse or stri-
king of the
Minister.

7 Item, Whether hath any person in your Parish quarelled or stricken, or used any violence unto, or with your Minister or any other in the Church or Church-yard, or used himself disorderly in the Church by filthy and profane talke, or any other rude and immodest behaviour?

Witches and
suchlike, &c.

8 Item, Whether you know in your Parish any Witches, Sowthsayers, Conjurers, Charmers, Sorcerers, or any that be suspected for such persons: present their names, and what hurt they have committed.

Simonaicall
Patrons.

9 Item, Do you know any Patron, or Advowsoner in your Parish, who hath made gaine, directly, or indirectly, by any colour, deceit, or simonaicall compact, in bestowing his Benefice for gaine, receiving money, or promise of a Lease of the whole, or part, or by reserving his own tythes, or any pension to himselfe, or any other, or any Minister that hath so bargained or made payment or satisfaction in such kind:

Rates, and
Fees.

10 Item, Whether is there a Table of the Rates of all Fees set up in their severall Courts and Offices, and hath any Officer exceeded the same:

Midwives not
sworne.

11 Item, Whether any women of your Parish exercised the office of a Midwife, and not taken a corporall oath, upon

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the holy Evangelists, before the Lord Bishop of the diocese or his Chancelloz or Deputy, to obserue all such Orders and Articles, as ought to bee by her obserued concerning the execution of the said office. And how many Midwives have you in your Parish, which do exercise that office? How long have they so done, and by what authority, what bee their names, of what skill are they accounted to bee of, in that office and vocation?

12 Item, How many have you in your Parish, that doe practise as Physicians, or Chirurgions: how long have they so done, by what authority, of what skill are they accounted to bee in that their profession?

Physicians and
Chirurgions.

Item, Whether there bee any Hospitals, or Almes-houses in your Parish, and whether the same be used, kept, ministered according to the Foundation, Lawes, and Statutes thereof, and in whom the fault is, that they are not so used and kept? And whether as the Feoffees have deceased, were, and are there others chosen and placed in their roomes, as by the Founders and Benefactors hath been ordained?

Hospitals and
Almes-houses.

Parish Clarke.

Item, Whether is your Clarke chosen by any but by your Minister, and doth your Minister publish the said choice the Sunday after he hath made the said choice: or who doth hinder him so to doe?

Choice of the
Clarke.

2 Item, Is your Clarke of twenty yeeres of age at least, of honest conversation, sufficient for reading and writing, and skillfull in singing?

Age & honest
conversation
of the Clarke.

3 Item, Doth the Clarke receive his accustomed wages either at the hands of the Church-wardens, or otherwise, as the custome of the Parish is, according to the 91 canon?

Clarkes wages.

Of Marriages.

Item, Whether is there any in your Parish that hath married within the degrees prohibited by the Lawes of

Marriages
within the de-
grees prohibi-
ted.

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God, and expressed in a Table set forth by authority, Anno
Dominii, 1563.

2 Item, Whether have you the said Table publikely set
up and fixed in your Church, according to the 99 canon?

Of Divorces.

Sentence for
Divorce.

Item, Whether are there any living in your Parish
Divorced, and that have had sentence for Divorce, up-
on the sole confession of the parties, and out of open Court a-
gainst 105 canon?

Marriage after
separation.

3 Item, Whether is there any in your Parish, that after
sentence of Separation from Bed and Board, hath contravened
Matrimony with any other person during each other's life.

Of Apparitors.

Item, Hath any Bishop, Chancellor, Arc'g-deacons, or
their Officials deputed and used more Apparitors to serve
their Jurisdictions respectively, than either they or their
Predecessors were accustomed to have, 30 yeres before the
publishing of the Canons, which was in the yere 1603; and
can they write and read competently?

2 Item, Doe all your Apparitors by themselves faithfully
execute their offices, and not cause or suffer their mandates to
be executed by any Messengers and Substitutes, without good
cause first made knowne and approved by the ordinary of the
place?

3 Item, Doe any Apparitors take upon them the office of
Promoters or Informers of the Courts which they doe
serve?

4 Item, Doe the Apparitors exact more or greater Fees
than are prescribed in the booke of Canons and Tables?

5 Item

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5 Item, Do the Apparitors carry themselves soberly and
honestily in the time of the execution of their Mandates a-
mongst you ?

6 Item, Does any Apparitor without the lawfull
Mandates of the Ordinaries respectively vex or put any to
needlesse travayles or expences, or for gaine excuse them
of the same, and compound matters questionable in Court
for mony or otherwise ?

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